

amendments to make the bill eighteen over the original bill of seventeen. So I would ask you as Judiciary Chairman who made the motion to adopt the Committee amendments to adopt the Committee amendments. That's my closing at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Record your vote. Record. There's been a request for record vote. Verify the record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote found on page 299 of the Journal.) 5 ayes, 23 nays, 21 not voting on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: They are rejected. Do you have any further amendments?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. (Read Barnett amendment found on page 300 of the Journal).

SENATOR BARNETT: On line 7 strike "sixteen" and make that "seventeen". That would go along with what this body has adopted and remove any doubt about the wording of both parties in line 5 and 6. It will reinstate the language as it is in the statute books today by making both the male and female seventeen years of age and I'd move for the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the ...? Oh, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. Speaker, once again this Legislature here is entering into the private affairs of me and my wife and my children, at what age I say my children can get married. If the time comes that the Legislature of the State of Nebraska is going to decide the parental guidance that parents are able to give for their children, then we might just as well turn our children over to the state and let them raise them and let them tell them how they should do. I think that the parents of the children of this state should be entitled to tell their children what they want them to do until they reach the age of nineteen and which we have stated that they are their own boss then, but until that child is nineteen, the parents should be able to tell them what they want him to do, so therefore I am going to oppose Senator Barnett's amendment. I would oppose it at sixteen. I think the bottom age should be that the parents feel that a child should get married at.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, I think this is reasonable. Senator Barnett has put it out there. Senator Keyes may not know it but as they get older it's a little harder to tell them what to do and I've got some personal experience with that. But I think, to make it clear that I think this should have to happen this way. I remember the most embarrassing moment of my wife's life was when we got married she was seventeen years and ten months and she tried to get her mother to walk beside me when her mother went down to sign the paper to allow her to marry me. I wouldn't stand for that so Linda's mother and I went with Linda to the courthouse to sign the line. Now the reason that marriage has lasted sixteen or seventeen years, she didn't have exposure to anybody else besides me right